

I call on all the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6056 of October 25, 1989

National Arab-American Day, 1989

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

For decades, Arab-Americans have made valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American life: in science, medicine, education, business, culture and government. The works of many talented Arab-American artists and writers grace our museums and libraries throughout the United States. Since the first Arab immigrant came to these shores more than a century ago, men and women of Arab descent have shared with us the rich history and traditions of Arab culture.

With pride in their ethnic heritage and with great faith in the principles upon which this country was founded, Arab-Americans have added to the strength and diversity of American society. Arab-Americans occupy positions of leadership and responsibility throughout our system of government, setting a fine example of public service at the local, State, and national level.

Arab-Americans have also enriched our Nation with the quiet power of strong families and close-knit communities. Many have come to the United States in search of the blessings of peace and freedom. They have quickly seized the opportunities life in this free and democratic country affords, yet they have not forgotten their ancestral homelands. They join all Americans in the desire to bring peace and security to that troubled region. Industrious and determined, they have helped give us a more profound understanding of the rights and responsibilities we have as citizens of a free and prosperous Nation.

In recognition of the contributions of Arab-Americans, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 241, has designated October 25, 1989, as "National Arab-American Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 25, 1989, as National Arab-American Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-

nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6057 of October 27, 1989

Fire Safety at Home Day, 1989

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Sunday, October 29, 1989, is the date on which the Nation will return to Standard Time. In jurisdictions that observe daylight savings time, clocks will be set back 1 hour. We may use this adjustment of the clocks as a reminder to perform other simple actions—actions that can save lives by helping to make our homes safe from accidental fire.

All Americans can take simple steps such as checking to ensure that fire exit paths are clear, safely disposing of dangerous and flammable chemicals through means recommended by their local fire department, and verifying that home appliances are fire-safe. In particular, we can also take a few minutes to test our home smoke detectors, clean them, and change their batteries.

Smoke detectors are a proven lifesaver. The few minutes spent by each American in ensuring the proper operation of smoke detectors can help avert many senseless tragedies. Most of the 6,000 Americans who succumb to fire each year fall victim in their homes. Children, senior citizens, families in substandard housing, and persons with disabilities are particularly vulnerable. Information on the proper methods for cleaning and testing smoke detectors may be obtained from local fire departments.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 177, has designated October 29, 1989, as "Fire Safety at Home—Change Your Clock, and Change Your Battery Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 29, 1989, as Fire Safety at Home Day, 1989. I call upon all Americans to observe this day by taking steps to ensure that their homes are safe from fire.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Editorial note: For a White House statement, released Nov. 1, 1989, on Proclamation 6057, see the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* (vol. 25, p. 1657).